(iv) A separate security arrangement is operational on a permanent basis at the Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi at Katra and in the proximate areas.

Union Government provides necessary support to the State Government on the basis of their requests and continuously monitors the security situation.

Infiltration from Bangladesh

223. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is spurt in infiltration from across Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government are facing problem in dealing with the menace;

(c) if so, whether Government have any plan to check the infiltration; and

(d) the expected number of infiltration in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No sir. However, the illegal infiltration from across the Bangladesh border has been a source of concern to India. The Government is well aware of the problem and adopted all measures to check the infiltration. The number of persons apprehended while attempting to enter India has been reduced in last two years. The BSF troops have been deployed all along the International border.

(c) and (d) The several measures have also been taken in this regard which are given below. However, it is difficult to assess the number of infiltration of Bangladesh nationals in the country.

(i) During meetings/conferences, at different levels with Government of Bangladesh/BDR, the Indian side emphasize the sharing of actionable information and extend mutual cooperation;

(ii) Close coordination with other agencies including State Governments agencies;

(iii) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(iv) Conduct of special operations;

(v) Up-gradation of intelligence net-work;

(vi) Augmentation of strength for patroling/naka duties;

(vii) Erection of border fencing and construction of border roads;

(viii) Modernization of BSF and other police force;

(ix) Erection of flood lights on the border to day light the area during hours of darkness; and

(x) Establishment of new BOPs to reduce inter BOP gaps.

Traffic management in metro cities

224. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a number of fly-overs constructed in metro cities, the traffic management has not improved so far; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to improve traffic management in these metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Traffic management,-being a State subject, is taken care of by the respective States and no data in that regard is maintained centrally. In so far as Delhi is concerned, traffic management has shown improvement after construction of fly-overs. For smooth flow of traffic, besides posting police personnel on roads, enforcement of traffic regulation through special drives, conduct of educational and traffic awareness programmes amongst road users, co-ordination with other concerned agencies etc. are undertaken by Delhi Police.

Refusal of Padma Awards

225. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the recipients of Padma Awards have refused to accept the awards;